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Board holds public hearing on environmental health and safety in schools

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, 1-4 p.m., Cherberg Building, Senate Hearing Room 3, Capitol Campus, Capital Way, Olympia

At its August 12 meeting, the state Board of Health will hold a public hearing and will consider adopting a revised proposal to modernize its environmental health and safety rule for K-12 schools.

The board held public hearings on the original proposal in August and September 2008. It continued deliberations on the proposal in October 2008 and voted to defer a decision on the amended rule until June 2009 to allow the 2009 Legislature to consider the costs of the rule. Legislative action led the board to further amend the proposal. Two alternatives for incorporating legislative restrictions will be considered for adoption.

The meeting is open and public testimony related to the school environmental health and safety rule will be taken at 1:15 p.m. Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the board at 360-236-4100 or on the [Board of Health Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov) (www.sboh.wa.gov). The emergency and media contact number for the board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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